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SUBJECT: VISIT OF GUINEA BISSAU PRESIDENT CABRAL

1. GUINEA BISSAU PRESIDENT LUIS CABRAL RETURNED BISSAU AFTERNOON FEBRUARY 23 AFTER 24-HOUR STATE VISIT TO CONAKRY. CABRAL WAS ACCOMPANIED BY FOREIGN MINISTER AND SEVERAL MEMBERS PAIGC POLITICAL BUREAU.

2. SEKOU TOURE MADE POINT OF CORDIAL WELCOME, AND DECORATED VIRTUALLY ENTIRE PARTY DURING STAY. BOTH TOURE AND CABRAL DELIVERED LONG AND WARM ADDRESSES BYFORE STADIUM WELCOMING CROWD. TOURE EMPHASIZED CONTINUING CONFIDENCE IN AND SUPPORT OF GUINEA BISSAU REVOLUTION, AND CABRAL UNDERLINED CRUCIAL SUPPORTIVE ROLE PLAYED BY CONAKRY PRIOR TO INDEPENDENCE. BOTH ALSO STRONGLY SUPPORTED MPLA CAUSE IN ANGOLA, MADE THE RITUAL ATTACKS UPON IMPERIALISTS AND NEOCOLONIALISTS, AND REFERRED TO RIGHT OF SELF DETERMINATION OF SPANISH SAHARANS.

COMMENT: BOTH SIDES SEEMED EAGER TO BURY THE HATCHET AND PUT TENSION OF RECENT MONTHS BEHIND THEM, ALTHOUGH AT LEAST

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IN PUBLIC CABRAL GAVE NO HINT THAT HE WOULD APPEASE TOURE TO

EXTENT OF SHOWING GREATER COOLNESS TOWARD SENGHOR. VISIT APPEARED
SUCCESSFUL TO RESTORE BILATERAL
RELATIONS BETWEEN TWO
PROGRESSIVE GOVERNMENTS. ASSUME GUINEAN AMBASSADOR TO BISSAU,
WHO APPARENTLY ADDED TO EXISTING FRICTIONS, WILL BE REPLACED.
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